



### Standardization Efforts in Islamic Finance

### Case Study - Türkiye

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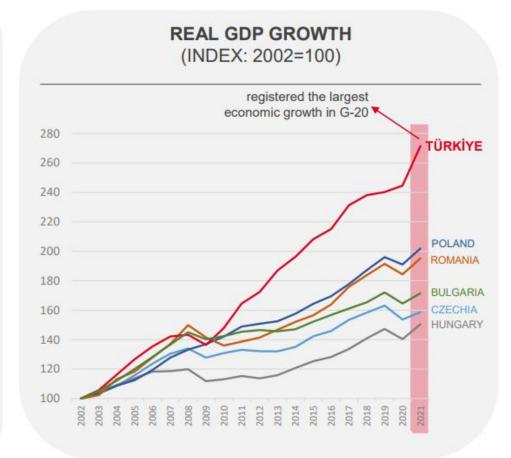
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# Introduction

# **Growing Turkish Economy**

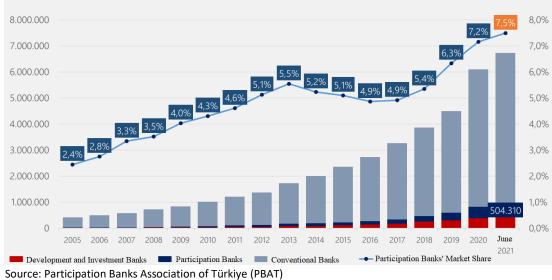




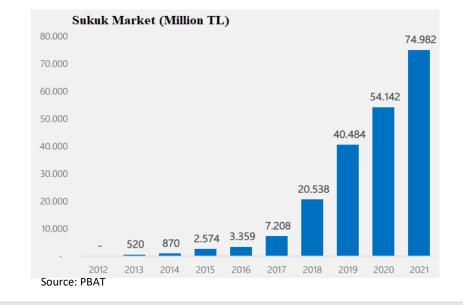


Source: TurkStat, IMF, PPP: Purchasing Power Parity

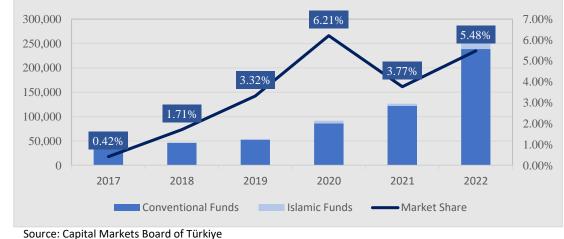
# Islamic Finance Industry is Booming







Mutual Funds exc. Pension Funds (Million TL)



120,000 6.00% 5.19% 4.96% 100,000 5.00% 80,000 4.00% 2.85% 2.60% 60,000 3.00% 1.73% 40,000 2.00% 20,000 1.00% 0.00% 0 2014 2015 2016 2017 2018 2019 2020 2021 Participation Insurance Conventional Insurance ----- Market Share Source: Insurance Association of Türkiye



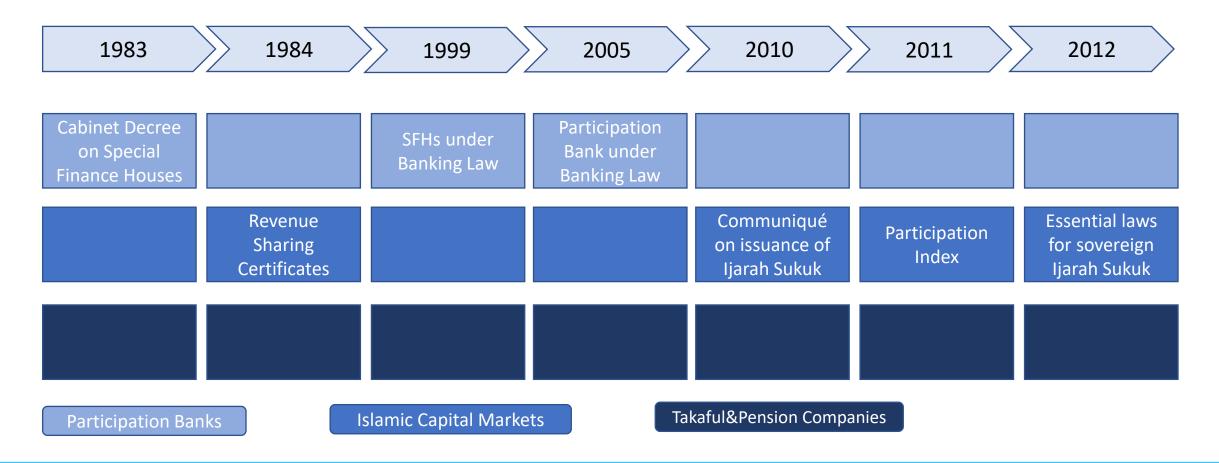
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# Sophisticated Regulatory Infrastructure

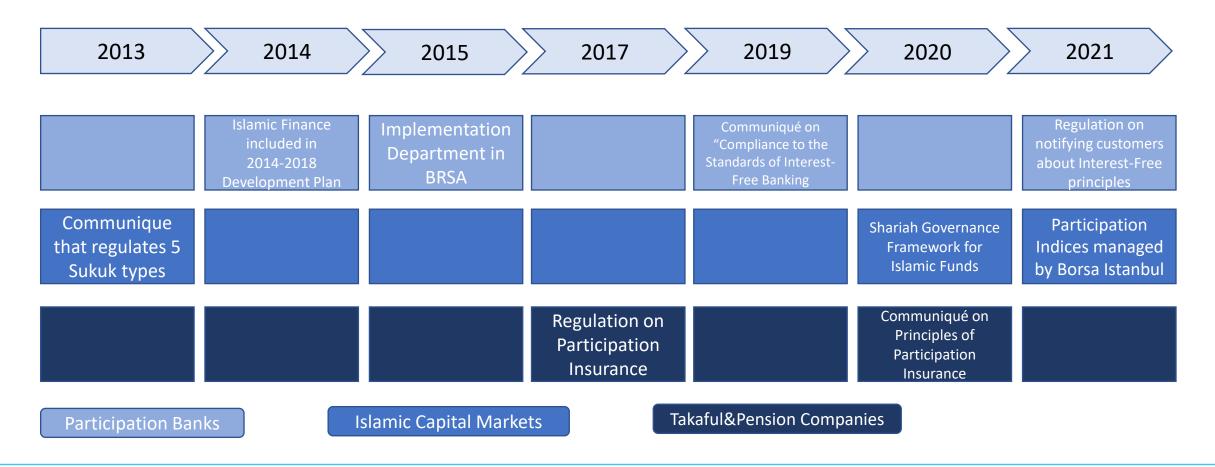


# Standardization Efforts in Islamic Finance Industry

### **Pursuit of Standardization**



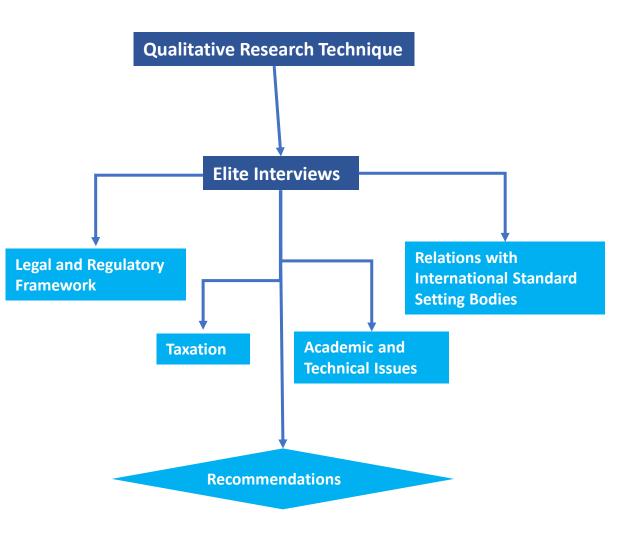
# Pursuit of Standardization (Cont.)



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# Data and Methodology

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#### Interviewees





	Government	University	Financial Institution	Advisory Committee /Board
Interviewee 1	$\checkmark$	✓		
Interviewee 2		$\checkmark$	$\checkmark$	
Interviewee 3	$\checkmark$			
Interviewee 4			$\checkmark$	
Interviewee 5		✓	$\checkmark$	
Interviewee 6			✓	$\checkmark$
Interviewee 7		$\checkmark$		✓
Interviewee 8	$\checkmark$			
Interviewee 9			✓	$\checkmark$
Interviewee 10		$\checkmark$	$\checkmark$	

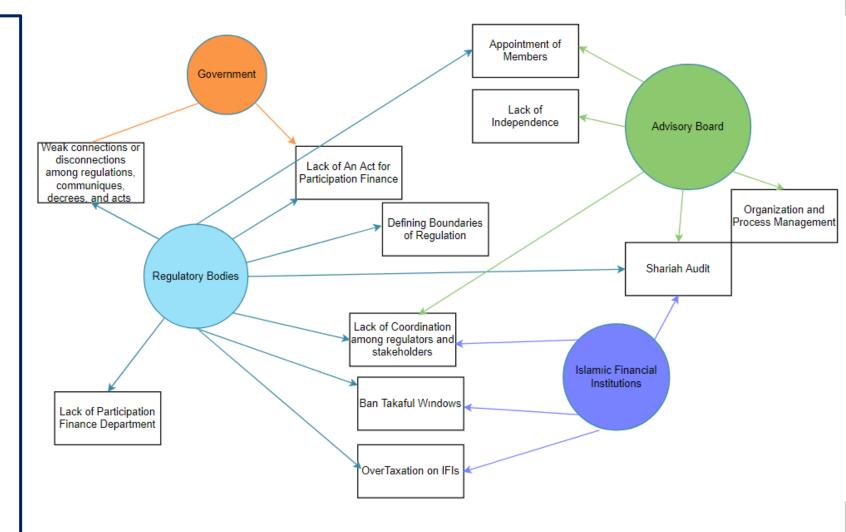
#### $\checkmark$ : Full Time $\checkmark$ : Affiliated

# Standardization: Issues and Challenges

# Stakeholders' Issues and Challenges (Interview Findings)

#### **Regulatory Framework and Taxation**

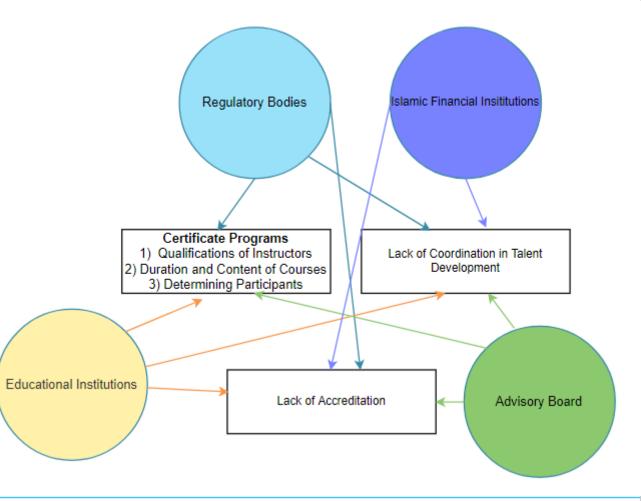
- Weak connections or disconnections among regulations, communiques, decrees and acts
- Lack of an act for Participation Finance
- Lack of Participation Finance Department
- Defining boundaries of regulation
- Lack of coordination among regulators and stakeholders
- Ban on Takaful Windows
- OverTaxation on Islamic Financial Institutions
- Lack of inclusiveness of stakeholders in appointment of Advisory Board Members
- Lack of Independence of Advisory Board
- Lack of comprehensive Shariah audit mechanism
- Problems regarding organization and functioning of Advisory Board



# Stakeholders' Issues and Challenges(Interview Findings)

#### Academic and Tecnnical Isssues

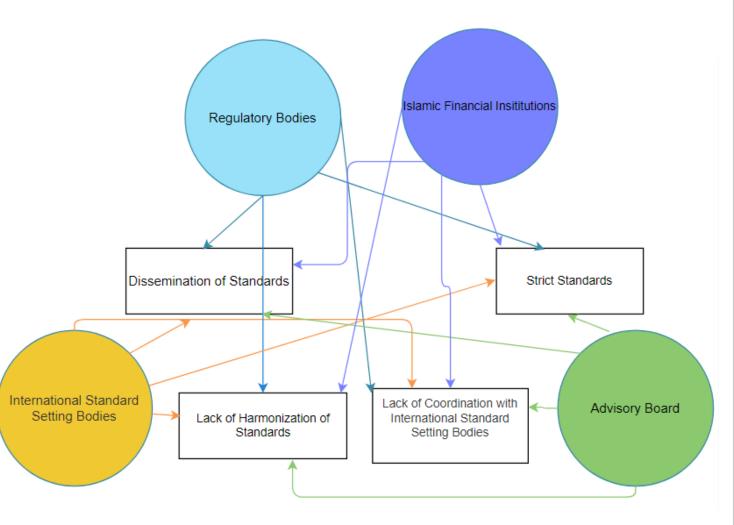
- Certificate Programs
  - Qualifications of Instructors
  - Duration and content of courses
  - Determining Participants
- Lack of coordination in talent development
- Lack of accreditation



# Stakeholders' Issues and Challenges (Interview Findings)

**Relations with International Standard Setting Bodies** 

- Dissemination of standards
- Lack of harmonization of standards
- Lack of coordination with international standard setting bodies
- Strict standards



# Lessons Learnt and Recommendations

## Key Takeaways

### **Steps that Improved Standardization**

- Implementation of a Strategic Plan
- Centralized Shariah Governance
- Talent Development
- Coordination Among Regulatory Bodies and Stakeholders



#### For Government and Regulatory Bodies

- To finalize a comprehensive participation finance act
- To ensure tax neutrality and provide tax incentives
- To set up participation finance departments in regulatory bodies
- To improve human capital of regulatory bodies
- To provide better coordination among regulatory bodies
- To develop a specific "cooperatives act" for takaful companies
- To consider regulations for peer-to-peer (p2p) takaful

#### For Advisory Board

- To improve independence of advisory board
- To increase involvement of stakeholders in appointment of advisory board members
- To improve organization and functioning of advisory board

#### **For Islamic Financial Institutions**

- To give more emphasis in appointing managers and directors with Islamic finance background
- To ensure right balance between profit maximization and Shariah compliance motives
- To improve transparency on shariah governance
- To engage more in developing standards and regulations
- To improve relations with international standard setting bodies

#### **For Educational Institutions**

- To improve coordination in talent development
- To engage in developing standards and regulation
- To include regulations and standards in curriculum/syllabus
- To organize workshops and conferences on standardization
- To invite regulators and practitioners as lecturer

Thank You Q&A